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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2935

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINT, LA

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH KING

1. KING AND QUEEN RECEIVED WIFE AND MYSELF YESTERDAY FOR PRIVATE AUDIENCE AND LUNCHEON. NOTHING OF REAL SUBSTANCE TRANSPIRED EXCEPT THAT KING SPOKE AT GREAT LENGTH ON THE HONORABLE POSITION ALWAYS TAKEN BY OUR COUNTRY IN HELPING FRIENDS AND LIVING UP TO ITS COMMITMENTS.

2. I INFORMED KING OF OUR AIR STRIKES IN THE THA VIENG AREA AND HE WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE, SAYING THAT ONLY BRUTAL FORCE WAS UNDERSTOOD BY THE ENEMY. I TRIED TO DRAW OUT KING ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH LPF REPRESENTATIVES PHOUN SIPRASEUTH, SOUK VONGSAK AND OTHERS WHO HAD ATTENDED THE NEW YEARS CELEBRATION. KING SAID NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE HAD TRANSPIRED AND THAT THE LPF REPRESENTATIVES WERE SMALL MEN OF NO AUTHORITY AND LIMITED INTELLIGENCE. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CAUSTIC RE SOUK VONGSAK, WHO IS RELATED TO THE QUEEN AND WHO THE KING DESCRIBED AS A WORTHLESS, STUPID INDIVIDUAL.

3. I SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THIS MORNING FROM SISOUK THAT
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AT THE KING' S RECEPTION FOR LAO DIGNITARIES DAY
BEFORE YESTERDAY HE PLACED LPF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE
FRONT ROW DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE THRONE AND FIXED
HIS EYES UPON THEM WHEN HE BESPOKE LAO UNITY, PEACEFULNESS,
ETC. SISOUK SAID THIS MADE AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON
ALL THE LAO PRESENT.
GODLEY

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INCLUDED IN PROGRAM PLANNING PROCESS. ROGERS

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